AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1   1.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

2   invoking, by an application, a call of a command line utility, the application providing an

3   identifier in the call of the command line utility, wherein the command line utility is a utility

4   executable from a command line prompt;

5   receiving output from the command line utility;

6   storing the command line utility output in a system storage at a location identified by the

7   identifier; and

8   retrieving, by the application, the command line utility output from the system storage at

9   the location identified by the identifier.

1   2.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein providing the identifier

2   comprises providing an identifier that identifies one or more entries in a system registry

3   database.

1   3.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein providing the identifier

2   comprises providing a root key identifier.

1   4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein providing the root key

2   identifier comprises providing a sub-key identifier.

1   5.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the system registry

2   database comprises an operating system registry database.

1   6.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein providing the identifier

2   comprises providing a system storage identifier.

1   7.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein providing the system

2   storage identifier comprises providing an identifier indicating a system registry.

1   8.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein providing the system

2 storage identifier comprises providing an identifier indicating shared system memory.

1   9.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein providing the identifier

2 indicating shared system memory identifies a system clipboard memory.

1   10.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of receiving output from a

2 command line utility comprises receiving output directly from the command line output utility.

1   11.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of receiving output from a

2 command line utility comprises receiving output from the command line output utility through a

3 subsequent command line output routine.

1   12.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of storing comprises

2 associating each line of command line utility output with a line identifier in the system storage.

1   13.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising setting each

2 line identifier to a value corresponding to a position of that line in the command line utility

3 output.

1   14.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising setting a

2 default value of the provided identifier to equal the total number of command utility output lines

3 stored in the system storage.

1   15.   (Currently Amended) A program storage device, readable by a computer,

2 comprising instructions stored on the program storage device for causing the computer to:

3   cause an application to invoke a call of a command line utility, the application providing

4 an identifier in the call of the command utility, wherein the command line utility is a utility

5 executable from a command line prompt;

6   receive output from the command line utility;

7   store the command line utility output in system storage at a location identified by the

8 identifier; and

9   cause the application to retrieve the command line utility output from the storage at the

10 location identified by the identifier.

1   16.   (Original) The program storage device of claim 15 wherein the instructions to

2 store comprise instructions to store command line utility output in an operating system registry

3 database.

1   17.   (Original) The program storage device of claim 15 wherein the instructions to

2 store comprise instructions to store command line utility output in an operating system

3 maintained volatile memory.

1   18.   (Original) The program storage device of claim 15 wherein the instructions to

2 receive output comprise instructions to receive one or more lines of output from the command

3 line utility, and the instructions to store further comprise instructions to store each of said one or

4 more lines of output in the system storage.

1   19.   (Original) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein the instructions to

2 store further comprise instructions to associate a unique identifier with each of the one or more

3 lines of output stored in the system storage.

1   20.   (Original) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein the instructions to

2   store further comprise instructions to set a value associated with the received identifier in the

3   system storage equal to the number of lines of output stored in the system storage.

1   21.   (Currently Amended) A computer system, comprising:

2   a processor;

3   a command line utility, wherein the command line utility is a utility executable from a

4   command line prompt;

5   an application executable on the processor, the application to call the command line

6   utility, the application to provide an identifier in the call;

7   a system storage having a location identified by the identifier, the location identified by

8   the identifier to store an output of the command line utility,

9   the application to retrieve the command line utility output from the location identified by

10 the identifier.

1   22.   (Cancelled)

1   23.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the command line utility

2   comprises a first command line utility, and wherein invoking the call by the application

3   comprises invoking a call to pipe output of a second command line utility to the first command

4   line utility,

5   wherein storing the command line utility output comprises storing the command line

6   utility output of the first command line utility.

1   24.   (Previously Presented) The program storage device of claim 15, wherein the

2   command line utility comprises a first command line utility, and wherein invoking the call by the

3   application comprises invoking a call to pipe output of a second command line utility to the first

4   command line utility,

5   wherein storing the command line utility output comprises storing the command line

6   utility output of the first command line utility.

1   25.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 21, wherein the command

2   line utility comprises a first command line utility, the system further comprising a second

3   command line utility, the application to invoke a call that causes output of the second command

4   line utility to be piped to the first command line utility,

5   the location identified by the identifier to store output of the first command line utility.